

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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years 2008-09 and 2009-10 as "Indiana's Lincoln School Years."

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Whereas, Abraham Lincoln was elected 16th President of the United States;

Whereas, He grew up from a young boy to a young man in Indiana from 1816 until 1830;

Whereas, As a young man in Indiana, he had an insatiable appetite for knowledge, often seen carrying a book everywhere he went, realizing it would be his education that would create opportunities for his future life and unbeknown to him at the time, prepare him for the challenges he would face as President of the United States;

Whereas, That during his Presidency a Civil War was waged, of which he prevailed, and the United States was preserved;

Whereas, That during his Presidency he signed into law one of the most important public education measures, the Morrill Act, July 2, 1862, which allowed higher education for all citizens. This measure allowed the establishment of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana;



Whereas, That during his Presidency he realized the significance of agriculture, and with the stroke of his pen on July 2, 1862, he created the United States Department of Agriculture to serve the country's and the State of Indiana's agriculture interests;

Whereas, That during his Presidency he signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; supported the 13th Amendment to the Constitution which passed the Senate on April 8, 1864, and the House on January 31, 1865; and on April 11, 1865, became the first American President in history to publicly announce that he favored voting rights for African Americans;

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General
- 2 Assembly, do hereby officially proclaim the school years 2008-09 and
- 3 2009-10 as "Indiana's Lincoln School Years." We encourage all
- 4 schools to participate in the Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial
- 5 Commission and Indiana Department of Education's program to
- 6 become an Indiana Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial School, and we
- 7 encourage all schools to have a school-wide program on February 12,
- 8 2009, to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday.
- 9 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 10 Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Indiana
- 11 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and to the Indiana
- 12 Superintendent of Public Instruction.

